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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER**
(BOARD AGENDA ITEM #35, JUNE 16, 2009)

On June 16, 2009, the Board approved a motion by Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky, amended by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, instructing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Auditor-Controller (A-C), County Counsel, and all the affected departments to identify and review all of the County's contracts with Tarzana Treatment Center (Tarzana); to amend the contracts with Tarzana to modify the term of each contract so that the contracts are effective for 90 days, pending the outcome of the CEO's review; and to authorize the Director of Public Health to extend the contract with Tarzana on a month-to-month basis for up to one year in the event the CEO's report is not submitted to the Board within 90 days. The amendment by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas required the Department of Public Health (DPH) to provide a status report to the Board on its efforts to create a fair and competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process for all alcohol and drug treatment program contracts. The DPH status report on the re-solicitation process will be provided to the Board offices under a separate cover.

This purpose of this memorandum is to provide a status report about the contracts the DPH Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) maintains with Tarzana. As instructed by the Board, all alcohol and drug services contracts approved by the Board on June 16, 2009 were renewed with one-year terms, with the exception of the agreements with Tarzana. The term of Tarzana's contracts was changed to allow for an automatic month-to-month continuance of the contracts through June 30, 2010, unless the ADPA Director sends Tarzana a 30-day advance notice that the contracts will not be extended beginning the following month.

On August 19, 2009, A-C issued a report of the findings from the review of Tarzana's contracts. On page 5 of the report, under the "Summary" section, A-C "determined that Tarzana generally billed the County for costs consistent with the terms contained in its contract." A-C found two minor areas of non-compliance, and plans to follow up with Tarzana within 90 days to ensure Tarzana made the appropriate adjustments.

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In view of the A-C findings, DPH will proceed with removing the month-to-month clause in its contracts with Tarzana. All contracts affected by the Board motion will now be effective through June 30, 2010.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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